

Please Join Us

Annual Legislative Briefing

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10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

State Capitol, Room 2040

Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Council on Mentally Ill Offenders (COMIO) was created by the Legislature in 2001 to address growing concerns about the high number of individuals with mental illness who were incarcerated or at risk of incarceration. Chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the Council consists of 12 members who represent diverse perspectives from criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

COMIO is charged with investigating, identifying, and promoting cost-effective strategies that:

- Prevent adults and juveniles with mental health needs from becoming offenders;
- Improve services for adults and juveniles with mental health needs who have a history of offending; and
- Identify incentives to encourage state and local criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health programs to adopt such approaches.

Please join us on November 7th at the State Capitol for our legislative briefing during which we will review the recommendations from our annual report to the legislature to be submitted this December.

We will also be presenting our Best Practices Award to the [Transitions Clinic Network](#) and recognizing promising programs from the following counties: Fresno, Orange, Riverside, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

The agenda will be released within the next week. For more information about COMIO, please visit our website: <https://sites.cdcr.ca.gov/ccjbh/>.

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